

LEVEL OF DESCRIPTION:

Series

No.:

AU023.004S

FORMS PART OF:

AU023 Martha Kostuch fonds

TITLE:

Alberta Fish and Game Association series

CREATOR:

Kostuch, Martha

DATE RANGE:

1977-1991

EXTENT:

1.08 m of textual records

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY/BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

The Rocky Mountain House Chapter of the Alberta Fish and Game Association (AFGA), (also known as Zone 3), was formed in 1979 by Tom and Martha Kostuch and other outdoor enthusiasts who wanted a voice in how fish and wildlife was managed in Alberta. Martha Kostuch was a director for Zone 3 from 1979-1980, and at the provincial level was voted Chair of the Renewable Resources Committee from 1982-1990 and Vice-President of the Executive Committee in 1990.

The AFGA is an organization concerned with fishing, hunting, animal habitat, conservation, natural spaces and the laws that govern those concerns. During the years that Martha Kostuch was involved with the AFGA, many of these issues were debated and argued over at the Zone level and at the Executive level. At the annual conferences, decisions on AFGA positions were voted on and resolutions were forwarded to the appropriate Provincial Government departments with the expectation to have some influence on decision making at the provincial level. The Ministers of the receiving departments always acknowledged the AFGA contribution. Beginning in the 1990s, the AFGA's resolutions became largely ignored by the provincial government and AFGA's influence as a lobby group on hunting and fishing laws and the environment was quite diminished.

One of the mandates of AFGA was to educate hunters, and in particular youth, about hunting, fishing, conservation and wilderness skills and survival. In conjunction with the Rural Education and Development Association (REDA), AFGA sponsored Hunter Training

Conservation Camps and Hunter Training Grad Camps, held at the Goldeye Recreation Centre and at Alford Lake in the foothills west of Rocky Mountain House, Alberta. Kostuch was an organizer and an instructor for both camps from 1979 to 1983.

CUSTODIAL HISTORY:

In April 2008, Martha Kostuch signed an agreement with Athabasca University to have her records digitized but she passed away before this work could be started. After her death on April 23, 2008, her records went into the custody of her son Edward and in July 2008, he donated the records to Athabasca University, Athabasca, Alberta.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The series consists of material pertaining Kostuch's work as a Director, Chair of the Renewable Resources Committee, and Second Vice-President of Zone 3 of the Alberta Fish and Game Association. Also included, records pertaining to her work as an organizer and instructor at the Hunter Training Conservation camps.

This series includes the following sub-series: AU023.004S.001S Organizational Records, 1979-1991 and AU023.004S.002S Hunter Training Conservation Camps, 1979-1984.

AU023.004S.001S Organizational Records series consists primarily of administrative records for the Rocky Mountain House Chapter of AFGA and includes textual material including correspondence, agendas, meeting minutes, proceedings of the annual AFGA annual conferences from 1978-1991, reports, brochures on wildlife, fishing and conservation and meeting resolutions. Also included are AFGA briefs submitted to environmental assessment hearings for proposals to pulp mills and other industry mega-projects. The artifacts are items promoting conservation from the Alberta Fish and Wildlife Division. The CD is a copy of a report from the Alberta Integrated Planning Commission.

The AU023.004S.002S Hunter Training Conservation Camps series consists of material pertaining to Martha Kostuch's various roles with the Hunter Training Conservation Camp and includes photographs, negatives and some textual records. The photographs and corresponding negatives are of camp participants during training activities, banquets and group photographs. The textual records consist of records pertaining to planning, organizing, managing and overseeing the camps.

SOURCE OF TITLE:

Title taken from the contents of the fonds.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Series also includes ca. 207 photographs. – ca. 165 negatives. – 2 artifacts. – 1 CD.

CONSERVATION:

Conservation copies have been made of some of the newspaper clippings, thermal fax paper and mimeograph paper.

ARRANGEMENT NOTE:

Series have been based on the major topics identified from the creator's arrangement, though some records may pertain to a number of series.

LANGUAGE NOTE:

The material is in English.

ACCESS CONDITIONS:

None.

USE CONDITIONS:

Permission for use required. Subject to *The Copyright Act*.

FINDING AIDS:

Box list and file list are available. Some of the material is available in electronic form.

INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ACCESSIONS:

2008.015

Further accruals are not expected.

ASSOCIATED MATERIAL:

Other records pertaining to the Alberta Fish and Game Association may be found in the Alberta Fish and Game Association fonds at the Provincial Archives of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta.

GENERAL NOTE:

Information for the administrative history was obtained from the records and from *The Edmonton Journal*, *Calgary Herald* and *Red Deer Advocate* newspapers.

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Hunting

Fishing

Fish and game licenses

Pollutants

Ecology

Wildlife conservation